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## Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway Bill Set for Hearing in D.C.

MADISON – We have heard from Senator Herb Kohl's office and from the people over at The Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway group, that Senator Kohl's Bill S. 2158 has been scheduled for a subcommittee hearing on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup>.

"This is an issue that is very important to me and one that will have a beneficial economic impact to the entire Fox-Wisconsin River corridor," said Rep. Penny Bernard Schaber. "I am glad to see that bipartisanship still exists with Sen. Herb Kohl and Rep. Tom Petri both introducing this measure. I hope that their efforts are successful and that the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway receives the designation of National Heritage Area."

State Representative Fred Clark (D – Baraboo) and Rep. Penny Bernard Schaber have been working on this issue for more than a year now. They spearheaded the most recent effort to write a letter and send it to the Senate Subcommittee that will be hearing the bill this week.

"I'm glad that Rep. Clark and I have had the opportunity to work on this issue together. All of the times that we have circulated letters in support of this issue we have received great bi-partisan support. I'm happy to say that a bi-partisan group of 29 State Legislators have signed onto this letter, including the majority of legislators whose districts border the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers"

Designating the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway as a National Heritage will help Wisconsin to honor and recognize the importance impact that these rivers have had to our state and country's heritage and economy. Pretty much every Fox Cities student goes through school and learns about the famous voyage of Louis Joliet and Jacques Marquette down the Fox River, portaging their canoes at the current city of Portage, traveling down the Wisconsin River and into the Mississippi.

"I hope that you'll join me and my legislative colleagues and submit your letters of support for the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway to the U.S. Senate Subcommittee."

Letters can be emailed to <u>Jake McCook@energy.senate.gov</u> and must be in a Microsoft Word or other word processing format, PDF will not be accepted. Please remember to submit them before the meeting on Wednesday afternoon, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

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